

REMARKS

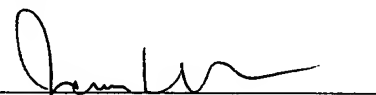
Group I, wherein Z is carbon, is elected without traverse. Claims 1-8, 10-22, 24, and 26 all encompass the elected group of compounds.

The claims have been amended so that the non-elected subject matter has been canceled, and the claims conform with elected Group I. The amendments also correct minor obvious typographical and grammatical errors.

The amendments also reduce the number of claims so that they conform with the "5-25 rule" that takes effect November 1. There are now 23 total claims, which include 3 independent claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

A fee is not believed to be required with this timely response. If any fee is required, the fee may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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